

**TOWN OF WESTFIELD**  
**WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 225-2020**

**CODE REVIEW AND TOWN PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

**OCTOBER 13, 2020**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION,  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DELINEATING AN AREA IN NEED OF  
REHABILITATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et seq.* (the “**Redevelopment Law**”) provides a mechanism to empower and assist local governments to promote the advancement of community interests through programs of redevelopment for the expansion and improvement of commercial, industrial, residential and civic facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Redevelopment Law empowers the Town of Westfield (the “**Town**”), by and through its Mayor and Council (the “**Governing Body**”), to delineate an area within the Town as an area in need of rehabilitation if the area qualifies under one of the criteria enumerated under *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14*; and

**WHEREAS**, *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14* provides that “where warranted by consideration of the overall conditions and requirements of the community, a finding of need for rehabilitation may extend to the entire area of a municipality”; and

**WHEREAS**, Town Planner, Donald B. Sammet, PP/AICP, and Town Engineer, Kris McAloon, PE, had been directed to investigate whether the Town in its entirety (the “**Study Area**”) qualified as an area in need of rehabilitation pursuant to the Redevelopment Law; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Sammet and Mr. McAloon prepared a report entitled “*Town of Westfield Area in Need of Rehabilitation Study*” dated August 26, 2020 which is attached hereto as Exhibit A (the “**Study Report**”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Study Report concludes that because (a) a majority of water and sewer infrastructure in the Study Area is at least 50 years old and is in need of repair or substantial maintenance and (b) because more than half of the housing stock in the Study Area is at least 50 years old, the Study Area qualifies as an area in need of rehabilitation under the Redevelopment Law; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 8, 2020, the Governing Body referred the Study Report and this Resolution in draft form to the Planning Board for review and comment; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 5, 2020, the Planning Board returned this resolution and Study Report with a recommendation that the Study Area be delineated as an area in need of rehabilitation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body finds it to be in the best interest of the property owners and business owners within the Study Area to delineate the Study Area as an area in need of rehabilitation, and that based upon the Study Report and the Planning Board's recommendation, finds that the Study Area meets the criteria of *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14* of an area in need of rehabilitation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Westfield, County of Union, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Based upon the facts reported in the Study Report and the recommendation of the Planning Board, the Mayor and Council find that the Study Area, consisting of the entirety of the Town of Westfield, meets the eligibility criteria of *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14* for designation as an area in need of rehabilitation in that (a) a majority of water and sewer infrastructure in the Study Area is at least 50 years old and is in need of repair or substantial maintenance and (b) more than half of the housing stock in the Study Area is at least 50 years old. The Mayor and Council further find

that the designation of the Study Area as an area in need of rehabilitation is expected to prevent further deterioration and promote the overall development of the Town of Westfield in accordance with the requirements of *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14*.

2. The Mayor and Council hereby delineates the Study Area and all of the properties therein as an area in need of rehabilitation (hereinafter, the Study Area shall be the “**Rehabilitation Area**”), which delineation allows the Mayor and Council to, among other things, adopt redevelopment plans for all or part of the Rehabilitation Area, enter into redevelopment agreements with redevelopers within the Rehabilitation Area, and adopt an ordinance pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-21, et seq.*, authorizing short-term tax exemptions and/or abatements to properties located within the Rehabilitation Area.

3. The Mayor and Council hereby directs the Town Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs in accordance with the Redevelopment Law.

4. All Town officials and employees are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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I hereby certify that the within Resolution is a true and exact copy of the Resolution adopted by the Westfield Town Council at their meeting of October 13, 2020.

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Tara Rowley, RMC  
Town Clerk